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Medical marijuana dispensaries (MMD's) have been banned by the county since 2011 for a variety of reasons, including the concerns of public safety in and around such uses [Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Planning and Zoning)]. However, enforcement efforts to shut down illegal MMD's take a very long time during which period our offices understandably receive countless of complaints from impacted residents and local businesses.

On January 14, at approximately 4:12 in the afternoon, the Palmdale Station received a 911 call about an armed robbery which occurred at the "Little Rock Medical" Marijuana Dispensary located at 7315 Pearblossom Highway in the unincorporated community of Littlerock. One adult male employee had been shot in the stomach area and another victim had been "pistol whipped" by the suspects. Two of the suspects were armed with semi-automatic handguns. They attacked two male employees in the dispensary by spraying them with pepper spray then ordered them at gun point into the back room. One victim was "pistol whipped" in the head while they demanded their money, Marijuana and their property. The suspects stole cash, cell phones, marijuana and one computer hard-drive and fled the dispensary from the back door. The suspects entered a white car and fled in an unknown direction.

Both victims were transported to local hospitals where they were treated for their injuries and are currently listed in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to work with the Chief Executive Office, the Director of the Department of Regional Planning and the Sheriff to report back with recommendations in two weeks on ways the county can improve, enhance and expedite the enforcement of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code which bans medical marijuana dispensaries in the county's unincorporated areas.

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